THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (c) The Government does not set up food parks on its own. However, assistance under the Infrastructure scheme is provided to different implementing agencies for establishment of food parks @ 25% of the project cost in general areas and 33.33% in difficult areas subject to a maximum of Rs. 4.00 crore. So far assistance has been approved for 51 food parks including one in Orissa. A proposal to introduce a new plan scheme for mega food park was submitted to the Planning Commission. This is under examination in the light of advvice of Planning Commission.

Assistance to FPIs in Maharashtra and Punjab

1248. SHRI DARA SINGH: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of assistance provided to food processing industries in Punjab and Maharashtra during the last five years; and

(b) the details of assistance given for cold storage facilities during the period, year-wise and State-wise;

(c) whether there is any proposal for increasing the assistance to 33 per cent which is now being given to some of the States; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) and (b) Details of assistance sanctioned to the food processing industries and cold storages during 10th Plan up to December, 2005 State-wise is given in the Statement (*See* below).

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Statement

Details of assistance sanctioned to the food processing industries and cold storages

(Rs. in lakh)

State/UT	2002-2003	2003-2004	2004-2005	2005-2006 (upto Dec. 05)
1	2	3	4	5
Andhra Pradesh	124.74	465.57	797.87 (6.78)*	441.04
Arunachal Pradesh	43.56	—	—	—
Assam	186.68	257.79	245.76	40.83
Bihar	—	—	25.32	51.96
Chhattisgarh	—	—	32.61	6.48
Delhi	—	—	2.50	36.77
Goa	—	17.00	25.00	—
Gujarat	27.41 (40.00)*	165.85	282.15 (6.90)*	47.58 (18.72)*
Haryana	75.00	185.94	183.34 (14.94)*	258.88
Himachal Pradesh	111.36	99.18	75.51	132.39
Jammu & Kashmir	111.22	106.76	74.79	116.98
Jharkhand	—	—	—	48.26
Karnataka	41.85	151.49	426.32	302.55
Kerala	104.90 (30.00)*	182.53	152.66	285.35
Madhya Pradesh	8.20	88.93	45.62	172.45
Maharashtra	239.96	529.03	778.87	902.72 (37.50)*
Manipur	102.20 (8.97)*	108.41	—	—
Meghalaya	19.10 (39.00)*	—	12.14	—

1	2	3	4	5
Mizoram	—	110.50	12.30	—
Nagaland	—	40.75	—	17.35
Orissa	15.58	—	63.31	3.93
Pondicherry	—	—	24.54	—
Punjab	176.98	163.00	538.23	340.90
Rajasthan	—	86.00	35.83	61.47
Tamil Nadu	236.54	274.03	310.60	498.25
Tripura	63.00	33.07	—	—
Uttar Pradesh	119.14	263.19	591.76	570.17
Uttranchal	—	5.37	87.88	156.31
West Bengal	163.54	132.96	325.74	284.61

*Figures in brackets indicate assistance released for Cold Storages

FDI in Agri-business

1249. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Ministry of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recommended 51 per cent of foreign direct investment in Agri business; and

(b) if so, the reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) and (b) As per extant policy, FDI upto 100% is allowed under the automatic route in food processing sector. FDI is not allowed in Agricultural Plantations except in Tea Plantations where FDI upto 100% is allowed with prior Government approval and subject to conditions specified in Press Note 6 (2002 series). FDI is allowed upto 100% on the automatic route for floriculture, horticulture, development of seeds, animal husbandry, pisciculture, aquaculture, cultivation of vegetables, mushrooms under controlled conditions and services related to agro and allied sectors.